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**Miscellaneous Capital Outlay - Proposition 12 Grant Application**

Dear John:

Enclosed please find a proposed grant application submitted in draft form by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and drafts of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant agreement, staff report and resolution.

The MRCA is requesting a grant in the amount of \$191,675 from the Conservancy's Proposition 12 funds to be used for the improvement and restoration of MRCA owned and/or operated parks and recreation facilities located within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone and Rim of the Valley. Section 5096.353 of the Public Resources Code provides that the Conservancy may make grants for the purpose of enhancing and restoring natural lands and improvement of public recreational facilities. The purposes of the proposed grant are the improvement of the Mentryville Water System and the Wilacre Park trail head. The MRCA is also requesting funds to purchase equipment with an expected useful life of two or more years to implement the enhancement and restoration of natural lands and improve and restore public recreational facilities.

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Budget Control language the Conservancy requests that your office review the enclosed draft and provide the Conservancy with advice as to whether the proposed grant is in compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie C. Collins".

LAURIE C. COLLINS  
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